6. Announcement through Public Address system and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.

7. RPF Assistance posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

8. Periodical High Level co-ordination Meetings and Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

9. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

10. Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constables of GRP and RPF.

11. Special squads consisting of lady ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.

Technologies to counter sinister moves of militants

3470. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRA1AH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has urged the scientists to back the nation in its battle against terrorism, by providing the latest technological means to counter sinister moves plotted by militants, using modem technologies;

(b) if so, whether the scientists have been making researches on the new technologies to counter the moves of militants;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have been able to seek the scientists' advice in this regard; and

(d) whether any details have been provided by the scientists to Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (d)The Government is conscious of the need to develop technologies in its efforts against terrorism and to counter sinister moves of militants. The Government continuously seeks advice of scientists and scientific institutions including National labs while working towards develop- ment of modem technologies in this regard.